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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

Title: DYE COMPOSITION FOR KERATIN FIBERS, COMPRISING  
AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND CHOSEN FROM ORTHO-  
AND  $\alpha$ -DIALDEHYDE COMPOUNDS AND AT LEAST ONE  
SULPHUR COMPOUND

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 35 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 4 independent claims and 44 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

<b>Basic Application Filing Fee</b>						<b>\$ 770.00</b>
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	44	-	20	24	X \$ 18	\$ 432.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	X \$ 86	\$ 86.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					+ \$ 290	= 0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$ 1,288.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE</b>						<b>\$ 1,288.00</b>

4. A check for \$ 1,288.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$ 770.00 filing fee; and  
\$ 518.00 additional claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on French Patent Application No. 02 15913, filed December 16, 2002, in France. Applicants also claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/456,180, filed March 21, 2003, in the United States.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

**Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.**

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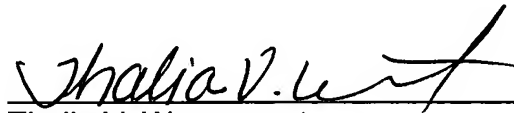
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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